

U.S. 101: Camp Rilea to Surf Pines Plan

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Highway Improvements Identified

With help from a local Stakeholder Advisory Committee, ODOT has developed a draft Facility Plan that identifies several projects that would improve safety and traffic flow on U.S. 101 from Camp Rilea to Surf Pines Lane, south of Warrenton. This 4.6 mile section of highway is primarily two lanes, has above average crash rates, and can be congested by frequent turning movements.

Five alternatives were considered. They were developed and evaluated based on input received from the committee, two public meetings, and ODOT's own technical analysis. This evaluation resulted in a list of recommended projects that reflect the committee's efforts to balance the established project goals with funding limitations. The resulting Facility Plan establishes ODOT's 20-year vision for the corridor. As funds become available to construct specific projects, ODOT will continue to work closely with the community to develop more detailed plans.

You're invited!

Join us at a public open house to review and comment on a plan for improving U.S. 101 from Camp Rilea to Surf Pines Lane.

Thursday, November 15

Drop by between 5 and 7 p.m. Camp Rilea, 33168 Patriot Way Log Cabin Room

Need more information or want to comment?

The draft plan is on the web for review: www.us101rileatosurfpines.org

Questions or Comments? Contact Kristen Kibler: (503) 235-5881 x106, kristen@jla.us.com or mail comments to the return address on this newsletter.



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Recommended Improvements

ODOT is recommending a variety of projects to improve safety and traffic operations on U.S. 101 between Camp Rilea and Surf Pines Lane. The following projects (not in priority order) are expected to be constructed as funds become available over the next twenty years:

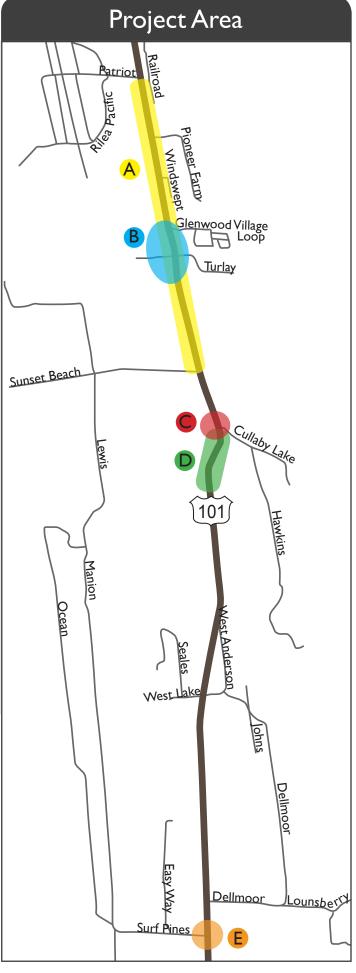
- A Widen U.S. 101 to include a center median and standard shoulders from Patriot Way to Sunset Beach Road
- B Combine Turlay Lane and Glenwood Village into a single, safer access to U.S. 101. Add a southbound left-turn lane from U.S. 101 at the newly constructed intersection. (highest priority)
- Provide options for Sunset Beach traffic turning north by improving the Cullaby Lake intersection (south of Sunset) to allow for U-turns, or developing a J-turn at another location.
- Modify the vertical curve (hills in the road) on U.S. 101 south of Cullaby Lake curves to improve sight distance.
- Add a southbound right-turn lane on U.S. 101 for turns onto Surf Pines Lane.
- F Widen narrow shoulders at certain locations within the corridor. (not shown on map)

Beyond the 20-year timeframe, ODOT may construct other improvements. These may include widening U.S. 101 to three lanes between Sunset Beach Road and Surf Pines Lane, reconstructing the U.S. 101/ West Anderson Road intersection, and straightening the curves near Cullaby Lake.

Next Steps

Read the Facility Plan on the project website or attend the open house on November 15th to learn more. Give us your comments by December 3, 2012 so they can be considered as we finalize the Facility Plan in 2013.

Once the Facility Plan is finalized, ODOT will need to identify funding to construct the recommended improvements. ODOT hopes to have the first improvement funded and under construction within five years. The top priority identified in the plan is to combine the Turlay Lane and Glenwood Village intersections.



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